FIRE-WALKING CEREMONY.

DEVOTEES IN SAFFRON CLOTHS WALK INTO FURNACE.

Writing to a Madras exchange, from Nagercoil, on April 18, a correspondent reports that a unique fire-walking ceremony took place there on the Friday previous, the parties being members of the Sourastra, or silk-weaving community.

For some days past there has been ceremonial reading of the Mahabharata, which was followed by the festival of Draupadi and Arjuna and the devotees, numbering forty, underwent partial fasting for forty-one days. Images were carried in procession in the principal streets, after which came the fire-walking ceremony in a large pit, 17 feet by 12. Forty cart-loads of fuel were burnt from early morning and the blazing coals, nearly two feet deep, were spread over the pit and levelled. The devotees then took a bath and dressing themselves in saffron coloured cloths walked straight into the pit, shouting Govinda, Govinda, and came up at the other end after making a circuit of the fire in the pit. The heat produced was intense in the extreme and the iron railing placed round the enclosure became red hot. It was considered an auspicious circumstance that at the identical time the fire-walking was about to commence a Brahmini kite made circles over the fire.

The spectacle was witnessed by crowds of 6,000 persons, among whom were Dr. Mitchell Principal of the Maharajah's College, Trevandrum, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Bensley, Superintendent of Travancore Police, and Mr. Sankara Menon, District Magistrate.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T.	1/8 15/16
Do. demand	1/9
Do. 4 months' sight	1/91
France—Bank T.T.	2.19
America—Bank T.T.	42½
Germany—Bank T.T.	1.78
India T.T.	132
Do. demand	132½
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	74½
Singapore—Bank T.T. par H.K. $100	75½
Japan—Bank T.T.	85½
Java—Bank T.T.	105½

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C	1/91
6 months' sight L/C	1/91
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	43½
4 months' sight do.	44½
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	1.91
4 months' sight France	2.24½
6 months' sight "	2.26½
4 months' sight Germany	1.84
Bar Silver	24½
Bank of England rate	3 %
Sovereign	$11.32

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Arratoon Apcar*) 18th inst., morning.
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 19th inst.
German (*Prinz Eitel Friedrich*) 19th inst.

The s.s. *Lowther Castle* left Kobe *via* Moji on 14th inst., and is due here on 20th inst., morning.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Sigismund* left Kobe yesterday, at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on 20th inst.

The Apcar Co.'s s.s. *Arratoon Apcar* from Calcutta left Singapore on 12th inst., and may be expected here on 19th inst., morning.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Hongkong Maru* is due to sail from Yokohama to-day, and should arrive in Hongkong *via* Manila and Japan ports on 25th inst.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Shaohsing, Br. s.s., 1,307, W. McIntosh, 13th May,—Shanghai 10th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Antilochus, Br. s.s., 5,796, G. D. Keay, 11th May,—Tacoma 15th April, Gen.—B. & S.

Tjimahi, Dut. s.s., 2,169, J. N. Bouman, 14th May,—Amoy 12th May, Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Chiyuen, Ch. s.s., 1,177, C. Stewart, 14th May, —Canton 13th May, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,215, G. Hooker, 14th May,—Canton 13th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Nord, Nor. s.s., 710, C. Haraldsen, 11th May —Canton 13th May, Ballast.—Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.

Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,041, J. A. Martin, 14th May, —Saigon 10th May. Rice and Gen.—Wing Sing & Co.

Tsinan, Br. s.s., 1,460, E. Finlayson, 14th May, —Melbourne and Sydney 23rd April, Gen. —B. & S.

Dagny, Nor. s.s., 882, O. Abrahamsen, 14th May,—Daisy 7th May, Gen.—Wallem & Co.

Clan Macmillan, Br. s.s., 2,804, A. W. Simpson, 14th May,—Samarang, (Java) 27th April, Hemp, Cotton and Copra.—Order.

Prudentie, Br. s.s., 1,777, Lennard, 14th May, —Balik Pappan 6th May, Liquid Fuel.—A. Petroleum & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Yeboshi Maru, for Shanghai.
Haitan, for Swatow.
Shaohsing, for Canton.
Prudentie, for Balik Pappan.
Dagny, for Canton.
Prometheus, for Bangkok.
Nord, for Saigon.
Standard, for Mauritius.
Telemachus, for Saigon.
Satsuma, for Manila.

Departures.

May 14.

Delhi, for Shanghai.
Priam, for Shanghai.
Onsang, for Yokohama.
Kiyo Maru, for Bangkok.
Hong Bee, for Amoy.
Peleus, for Seattle.
Chinsang, for Shanghai.

Passengers arrived.

Per *Taiwan*, from Saigon—91 Chinese.

Per *Tsinan*, from Australian Ports—Messrs. Arnold, Murray, Peel, and 25 Chinese.

Passengers departed.

Per *Yawata Maru*, for Japan—Mr. Yamaguchi, Lieuts. R. Arnott, C. V. S. Shrimpire, Lieut. S. C. Byrne, Staff-Surgeon and Mrs. Jones, Consul Ijima, Mr N. Hashim, A. Hashim, Mrs. S. Mumetsu, Misses T. Fukaye, T. Yoshida, Mrs. T. Wakasugi, Dr. C. Sasaki, Miss I. Matsui, Miss J. Austin, Miss W. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cue, Mr. and Mrs Lane, Messrs. C. Cozens, G. Hecker, Messrs. F. J. Johnson, A. Hutchinson, H. Inway, P. Meyer, J. Fay, G. R. Mayers, G. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Squires and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. N. Lankowsky, Miss Lankowsky, F. Sachs, and Mrs. W. W. Weavers.

CORRECTED.

Per *Kamakura Maru*, for London, &c.—Messrs. Jas. MacDonald, A. G. Archer, E. H. Hillel, T. Harada, Koga, Capt. M. J. Carnow, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kobara, Messrs. S. Tatematsu, K. Uchiyama, J. A. Craig, B. Takagi, S. Tsutui, V. Graves, A. G. Southerland, A. Southerland, P. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moulder, Messrs. Rouse, A. McDonald, Lambert, Mr. S. Robles and child, Mr. and Mrs. Shuk Hin and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Li Shin and infant, Messrs. Y. Obara, T. Obara, T. Korematsu, Mrs. G. C. Kitching and infant, Messrs. B. Page and John Cook.

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Tsinan*, from Australian Ports:—Fresh S.E. winds to Bird Island, then light and variable with heavy rain.

Str. *Shaohsing*, from Shanghai:—Calms and variables from Shanghai to Turnabout, from there to Hongkong N.E'ly and E.N.E. winds, blowing freshly, moderate sea and gloomy weather.

Str. *Taiwan*, from Saigon:—Experienced light S.W. and E'ly winds from Cape St James to Paricels, thence to port S.E. and E'ly winds, latter part squally with strong E'ly winds and sea.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Asia, Br. s.s., 4,975, Harry Gaukroger, 5th May,—San Francisco 7th April, via Honolulu 14th, Yokohama 27th, Kobe 29th, Nagasaki 30th, and Shanghai 3rd May, Mails and Gen.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 4th May,—Vancouver, B.C., 15th April, and Shanghai 2nd May, Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Gregory Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,961, S. H. Belson, 12th May,—from Japan (Nagasaki), Coal and Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ld.

Haiphong, Fr. s.s., 700, Pomfret, 22nd April,—Haiphong 18th April, Ballast.—Wilks and Jacks.

Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 13th May, —Foochow 10th May, Amoy 11th, and Swatow 12th, Gen.—D., L. & Co.

Helene Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 2,321, J. Sanders, 12th May,—Moji 6th May, Coal.—A., K. & Co.

Hokuto Maru, Jap. s.s., Keneda, 27th April,—Moji 22nd April, Coal.—Fukusei & Co.

Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, A. Cornelinsen, 13th May,—Haiphong and Hoihow 12th May, Rice and Gen.—A. R. M.

Johanne, Ger. s.s., 952, J. Iwersen, 12th May, —Haiphong 8th May, and Hoihow 11th, Gen.—J. & Co.

Josbin Maru, Jap. s.s., 702, H. S. Smith, 13th May,—Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 12th May, Gen.—O. S. K.

Keong Wai, Ger. s.s., 1,140, J. Köhler, 12th May,—Kohsichang 6th May, Timber and Rice.—B. & S.

Kumano Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,147, N. Mathieson, 12th May,—Nagasaki 11th May, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Kufneric, Br. s.s., 4,005, F. S. Cowley, 10th May,—Seattle via Japan and China Ports 31st Mar., Gen.—D. & Co., Ld.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 2,012, Frampton, 30th April,—Saigon 26th April, Rice and Dried Fish.—Wo Fat Sing.

Locksun, Ger. s.s., 1,020, W. Taubert, 6th May,—Bangkok 3rd May, Rice.—B. & S.

Mandal, Nor. s.s., 1,193, K. Gabrielsen, 11th May,—Saigon 6th May, Gen.—Wallem & Co.

Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, H. E. Morton, 12th May,—San Francisco 14th April, Honolulu 21st, Yokohama 3rd May, Kobe 5th, Nagasaki 7th, and Shanghai 10th, Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Nanshan, Br. s.s., 1,12[illegible], Jones, 11th May,—Saigon 8th May, Rice.—B. & Co.

Nerite, Dut. s.s., 1,450, Wester, 13th May,—Hankow 8th May, Ballast.—A., K. & Co.

Oriel, Br. s.s., 2,226, Maddrell, 13th May,—Mororan 4th May, Coal.—Hughes and Hough.

Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, F. Wenzel, 11th May —Bangkok and Swatow 10th May, Rice Salt and Teakwood.—B. & S.

Persia, Br. s.s., 2,744, A. Dixon, 11th Jan.,—San Francisco 7th Dec., and Portland, Or. 15th, Flour—O. & O. S. S. Co.

Quinta, Ger. s.s., 987, F. Frahm, 2nd May,—Tsingtau 26th April, Coal.—S. & Co.

Rajaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,189, H. Bremer, 6th May, —Bangkok 29th April, Rice—B. & S.

Satsuma, Br. s.s., 2,680, Armstrong, 13th May, —Shanghai 10th May, Gen.—D. & Co., Ld.

Shinshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,449, Nagatsu, 12th May,—Moji 7th May, Coal—Fukusei & Co.

Springburn, Br. s.s., 3,172, J. J. Crosthwaite, 9th May,—Bayonne, N J., U.S.A. 6th May, Case Oil.—S. O. Co.

Standard, Nor. s.s., 894, H. N. Bull, 6th May, —Saigon 1st May, Rice and Fish.—Wallem & Co.

Taiyuan, Br. s.s., 1,459, L. Dawson, 12th May, —Sydney 11th April, and Manila 9th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,240, J. Williamson, 6th May,—Saigon 1st May, Gen.—Wo Fat Seng.

Tjikini, Dut. s.s., 2,826, H. Koops, 10th May,—Macassar 2nd May, Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, O. Koch, 12th May, —Bangkok 6th May, Rice and Salt.—B. & S.

Yeboshi Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,992, B. Kon, 13th May,—Singapore 6th May, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 10th May,—Manila 8th May, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. Rodger, 11th May,—Manila 9th May, Sugar and Hemp.—S., T. & Co.

	May 13, 8 a.m.	May 13, 8 p.m.
Barometer	30.00	29.89
Temperature	75	72
Humidity	83	79
Rainfall	0.53	—

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Trieste	Singapore	S., W. & Co	May 15
Lydia	Hankow	H. A. L.	May 15
Aki Maru	Shanghai	N. Y. K.	May 17
ArratoonApcar	Singapore	D. S. & Co	May 18
Andalusia	Singapore	H. A. L.	May 18
P. E. Friedrich	Japan	M. & Co	May 19
Prinz Heinrich	Colombo	M. & Co	May 19
P. Sigismund	Kobe	M. & Co	May 20
Tenyo Maru	Japan	T. K. K.	May 21
Hkong Maru	Japan	N. Y. K.	May 25
Manila	Sydney	M. & Co	May 27

DOCK RETURNS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS.

Sorsogon	at	Kowloon Dock
Victoria	"	"
Haiphong	"	"
Fiume	"	"
H.M.S. Whiting	"	"
Amiral de Beaumont	"	"
Likin	"	"
San Ui	"	"
Lung Tsing	"	"
Joshin Maru	"	"
Taiyuan	"	"
Nerite	"	Cosmopolitan "

The Ships Passed Canal.

31st March—*Teemkat, Ganga.* 3rd April—*Goeben, Candia, Palma, Yarra, Colombo Maru, Kawachi Maru, Yangtse.* 7th April—*Ellen Rickmers, Nubia, Benarty, Flintshire, Trieste, Indrasemha, St. George.* 10th March—*Ceylon, Scandia, Scotra, Stantor, Tonkin, Hokuto Maru, Peleus, Petronia, Agamemnon.* 14th April—*Ching Wo, Colombo Maru, Kawachi Maru, Tonki.* 21st April—*Andalusia, Benlomond, Dovedale, Ernest Simons, Palermo, Maria Vulcano, Antwell, Indrani, Sanuki Maru, Kasama, Ormidale.* 24th April—*Auchencraig, Brasilia, Namur, Hohenstaufen, Polynesien, Moyune, Patroclus, Wakasa Maru, Mantia.* 28th April—*Bengloe, Lougior, Oopack, Prinz Heinrich, Suruga.* 1st May—*Princess Alice, Tonkin, Awa Maru, Carnarvonshire, Sado Maru, Meteor.* 5th May—*Nippon, Bellerophon, Borneo, Palma, Kostroma, Valentia.* 8th May—*Ajax, Glenlochy, Dortmund, Sardinia, Knutsuck, Pak Ling, Tourane.* 12th May—*Kleist, Benvorlich, Cathay, Montrose.*

Arrivals at Home—31st March—*Telemachus, Ernest Simons.* 7th April—*Dardanus, Antenor.* 10th April—*Ganges, Goeben, Saxonia, Rhenania,* 14th April—*Meinam, Braemar, Austria, Bulow, Ceylon Maru, Cardiganshire, Slavonia, Nijni Novgorod.* 21st April—*Agamemnon, Teemkat.* 22nd April—*Nubia.* 23rd April—*Socotra.* 24th April—*Austria.* 25th April—*Marmora.* 28th April—*Flintshire, Prinz Ludwig Sanuki Maru, Slavonia.* 1st May—*Polynesien, Petronia.* 5th May—*Shimosa.* 7th May—*Manila.* 8th May—*Awa Maru, Patroclus.* 12th May—*Indrani.*

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

May 13th, 1908, a.m.

		Bar.	Th. F	Hu.	Wind	Wr.
Vladivostock	7 a.m	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	6 a.m.	30.01	—	—	S	6 —
Hakodate	"	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	29.71	—	—	E	2 —
Kochi	"	29 8	—	—	—	0 —
Nagasaki	"	29 95	—	—	W	8 —
Kagoshima	"	29 96	—	—	W	4 —
Oshima	"	30.04	—	—	N	6 —
Naha	"	30.09	—	—	NE	2 —
Ishigakijima	"	30.05	—	—	NE	2 —
Bonin Is.	"	29 93	—	—	N	6 —
Chefoo	6 a.m	—	—	—	—	— —
Weihaiwei	9 a.m.	29.88	60	—	NW	4 b
Hankow	6 a.m.	—	—	—	—	— —
Kiukiang	"	30.06	63	72	S	0 c
Shanghai	7 a.m	30 7	71	37	S	1 b
Gutzlaff	"	30.09	64	72	SSW	2 bm
Sharp Peak	"	30.09	66	89	NNE	3 c
Amoy	a.m.	30.03	70	80	NE	1 c
Swatow	"	29 94	68	70	E	2 c
Taiboku	a.m.	29 99	—	—	E	6 —
Taichu	"	29 94	—	—	—	0 —
Tainan	"	9 93	—	—	—	0 —
Koshun	"	29 94	—	—	NE	8 —
Pescadores	"	29 95	—	—	N	6 —
Canton	7 a.m.	29 98	70	100	—	0 or
Hongkong	10 a.m	30.00	72	83	E	4 o
Victoria Peak	"	—	—	—	E	6 —
Gap Rock	"	29 93	—	—	E	5 —
Macao	"	29 97	74	—	E	3 o
Hoihow	9 a.m.	—	—	—	—	— —
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	— —
Phulien	8 a.m.	29 89	77	—	ESE	3 o
Tourane	"	29 86	79	—	—	0 c
C. St. James	"	29 79	82	—	SW	2 c
Aparri	6 a.m.	29 92	75	—	SE	1 c
Manila	10 a.m.	29.91	84	71	WNW	1 c
Legaspi	6 a.m.	29 90	77	—	—	0 b
Bacolod	9 a.m	—	—	—	NNE	1 c
Iloilo	"	29.91	85	—	NE	1 c
Cebu	"	29.9	86	—	N	1 c
Labuan	"	29.83	79	—	—	— —

May 14th, 1908, a.m.

Vladivostock	7 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	6 a.m.	29 89	—	—	—	0 —
Hakodate	"	29 89	—	—	NW	2 —
Tokio	"	29 99	—	—	—	0 —
Kochi	"	30.07	—	—	SE	2 —
Nagasaki	"	30 15	—	—	W	6 —
Kagoshima	"	30.19	—	—	—	0 —
Oshima	"	30.16	—	—	S	2 —
Naha	"	30 13	—	—	—	0 —
Ishigakijima	"	30 05	—	—	NE	6 —
Bonin Is.	"	30.12	—	—	—	0 —
Chefoo	6 a.m	—	—	—	—	— —
Weihaiwei	9 a.m.	30.16	61	—	W	1 b
Hankow	6 a.m.	—	—	—	—	— —
Kinkiang	"	—	—	—	—	— —
Shanghai	9 a.m.	30.13	67	69	SE	2 o
Gutzlaff	"	30.17	63	89	ESE	3 ov
Sharp Peak	"	30.08	69	90	N	1 c
Amoy	6 a.m.	30.03	74	76	NE	1 c
Swatow	"	—	—	—	—	— —
Taiboku	5 a.m.	29 99	—	—	E	2 —
Taichu	"	29.98	—	—	—	0 —
Tainan	"	29.97	—	—	N	2 —
Koshun	"	29.96	—	—	NE	8 —
Pescadores	"	29.98	—	—	N	6 —
Canton	9 a.m	29 99	78	95	—	0 od
Hongkong	10 a.m.	30.00	73	86	E	4 o
Victoria Peak	"	—	—	—	E	6 —
Gap Rock	"	29.95	—	—	E	5 —
Macao	"	29 99	75	—	ENE	3 o
Hoihow	9 a.m.	—	—	—	—	— —
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	— —
Phulien	8 a.m.	29 91	81	—	ESE	2 c
Tourane	"	29.90	81	—	—	0 c
C. St. James	"	29 86	77	—	W	4 c
Aparri	6 a.m.	29 95	75	—	SW	1 b
Manila	10 a.m.	29 96	84	71	NW	0 o
Legaspi	6 a.m.	29 91	81	—	NE	1 c
Bacolod	9 a.m.	—	—	—	NNW	1 c
Iloilo	"	29.91	89	—	W	2 b
Cebu	"	29.89	87	—	W	2 o
Labuan	"	29.83	86	—	—	— —

Post Office.

A Mail will close for—

The day of departure from Shanghai of the weekly steamer carrying the Trans-Siberian mails to Vladivostock has been changed from Friday to Tuesday.

The Inward mail steamer from Vladivostock should arrive at Shanghai on Sunday in future instead of Wednesday.

Haiphong—Per *Hongkong*, 15th May, 9 A.M.
Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok—Per *Rajaburi*, 15th May, 9 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per *Haitan*, 15th May, 10 A.M.
Manila, Cebu, Boston and New York—Per *Satsuma*, 15th May, 10 A.M.
Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per *Kumano Maru*, 15th May, 11 A.M.
Bangkok—Per *Locksun*, 15th May, 11 A.M.
Macao—Per *Sui Tai*, 15th May, 1.15 P.M.
Manila—Per *Yuensang*, 15th May, 3 P.M.
San Francisco (direct)—Per *Clan Macmillan*, 15th May, 4 P.M.
Manila—Per *Zafiro*, 16th May, 10 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Asia*, 16th May, 10 A.M.
Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarang, Cheribon and Batavia—Per *Tjimahi*, 16th May, 10 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Seattle, Wash.—Per *Kumeric*, 16th May, 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, *via* Tuticorin—Per *Oceana*, 16th May, 11 A.M.
Macao—Per *Sui Tai*, 16th May, 1.15 P.M.
Yokohama, Kobe and Moji—Per *Tjikini*, 16th May, 4 P.M.
Swatow, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin—Per *Kueichow*, 17th May, 9 A.M.
Manila—Per *Tsan*, 19th May, 3 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per *Joshin Maru*, 16th May, 5 P.M.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per *Chikil*, 16th May, 5 P.M.
Shanghai—Per *Kwongsang*, 19th May, 11 A.M.
Cebu and Iloilo—Per *Sunghtang*, 19th May, 3 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per *Tjiltwong*, 19th May, 4 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Glenfarg*, 20th May, 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, *via* Tuticorin—Per *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, 20th May, 11 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Cordiganshire*, 20th May 3 P.M.
Manila, Fr. Wilhelmshafen, Simpsonhafen, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per *Prinz Sigismund*, 21st May, 4 P.M.
Manila—Per *Loongsang*, 22nd May, 3 P.M.
Manila—Per *Rubi*, 23rd May, 10 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Mongolia*, 23rd May, 11 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Tsinan*, 23rd May, 3 P.M.
Europe, &c., India, *via* Tuticorin—Per *Varra*, 26th May, 11 A.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji—Per *Fooshing*, 27th May, 11 A.M.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

PEAK.

Armstrong, J.	Hutchison, Capt. and Mrs.
Aucott, E. F.	Irving, Edward
Burton, Major	Jones, R.A.M.C., Major T. P.
Brister, Mr.	Kent, Mr.
Clarke, F. S.	Kent, Mr. and Mrs.
Coke, Lt. & Mrs. B. E.	Kent, R.A., Col.
Daniel, Fred. W.	Krauss, E. L
Daniel, Water J.	Lanning, Albert E.
Darling, Col.	Lauder, Major
Dehnhardt, Mr.	Logan, Major and Mrs
Dooner, Capt.	Malden, Geo.
Ehnies, Rev. and Mrs Dallas	Martin, R.
Ellis, Mrs.	McCoffery, Mr. & Mrs.
Evans, Miss	McGregor, Mr. & Mrs.
Falconer, Mr.	McHutchon, Mr.
Finch, Capt. and Mrs.	Mitchell, R.
Fremantle, Mrs. and maid	Monk, S. D.
Fuchs, Mr.	Pescio, Mr.
Galbraithe, Mr	Reid, Lieut.-Col.
Gompertz, H. H.	Rissland Mr. and Mrs. H.
Greenhill, L. S.	Sayer, G. W.
Hall, J.	Sinclair, A.
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Algerine	sloop	1,050	4	1,400	Commander E. H. Edwards	Hongkong
Astraea	cruiser, 2nd class	4,360	10	7,000	Captain F. E. C. Ryan	Hongkong
Bedford	cruiser, 1st class	9,800	14	22,000	Captain S. E. Erskine	Japan
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Britomart	river gunboat	710	6	900	Lieut.-Commander F. B. Noble	Hongkong
Cadmus	sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Commander B. L. Majendie	Shanghai
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Cilo	sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Commander C. D. S. Raikes	Japan
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	306	6	5,700	Lieut.-Commander A. L. Gresson	Japan
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Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3,900	Lieut.-Commander C. A. Fremantle	Shanghai
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King Alfred*	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	18	30,000	Captain Clinton Baker	Japan
Kinsha	river gunboat	616	4	1,200	Lieut.-Commander S. H. Tennyson	Yangtse
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Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Commander J. White	West River
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SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT: RESERVE.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT: AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	12,500	$125	$125	£1,500,000 / $13,500,000 / $250,000	$2,000,387	Final of £2 on old and £1.10/- on new shares for ½-year ending 31.12.07	5⅓ %	$700 / London £74
National Bank of China, Limited	9,025	£7	£6	£12,735 / $300,001	$71,293	$2 (London 3/6) for 1907	...	$51
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	1,000	$250	$50	$1,560,000 / $219,058 / $431,959	none	$20 for 1906	8⅓ %	$240 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	£125,000 / Tls. 100,000 / Tls. 48,942	Tls. 204,424	Final of 7/6 per share making in all 15/- for 1906=Tls. 2.65	6 %	Tls. 80 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	2,400	$250	$100	$3,000,000 / £100,000 / $456,407 / £125,137.15/- / $434,134	2,536,011	Final of $15 making $25 for 1906 and interim of $10 for 1907	5⅓ %	$795
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	$100	$60	$1,000,000 / $192,032 / $85,157	$91,763	$12 and bonus $3 for 1906	10⅓ %	$147½ buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	$100	$20	$5,000,000 / $346,097 / $13,8[illegible]2	$572,432	£6 and bonus $2 for 1906	8⅓ %	$92 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	$250	$50	$1,3[illegible]3,94[illegible]	$428,027	$27 for 1906	8⅓ %	$312½ buyers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	$25	$25	$7,000	$1,053	[illegible] for 1906	...	$15
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	$50	$50	$264,638 / $98,988	Nil.	$4 for year ending 30.6.1907	10 %	$40
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld.	40,000	$15	$15	$250,000 / $575,000 / $75,279 / $20,000	16,437	10½ or and half-year making in all $2½ for year ending 31.12.07	7½ %	$29 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	£60,000	£3,694	5/- for 1906 @ ex 2/2½=$2.14 per share	3⅛ %	$38
Do. do. (Deferred)	60,000			£270,000				$24
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 14,510	Final of Tls. 1½ making Tls. 3½ for 1907	7½ %	Tls. 45 sellers
Do. (Preference)	100,000			£400,000			7½ %	Tls. 50 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	£1,871 / $65,000	172,370	Second interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 9 for a/c 1907	4⅛ %	45/-
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	$10	$10	$32,957	$137	$1.00 / $0.50 for year ending 30.4.1907	3 % / 3 %	$32 / $18
	10,000	$10	$5	Tls. 98,000				
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	10,000	Tls. 50	Fl. 50	Tls. 419,479 / Tls. 62,000 / Tls. 81,200 / Tls. 30,000	Tls. 18,730	Final of Tls. 2 making Tls. 6 for 1906	12½ %	Tls. 49 sellers
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	10,000	100	100	$450,000	$9,218	$8 for year ending 31.12.06	...	$135
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	$100	$100	none		$3 for 1897	...	$16½
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 8,935	Tls. 1 (8 %) for year ending 31.8.06	...	Tls. 70 sales
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld.	1,000,000	£1	£1	£15,000 / £84,398	£11,556	Interim of 1/6 (No. 10 for account 1908	7½ %	Tls. 15.55 buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	50,000	£1	10	£4,373	£11,358	No. 12 of 1/-=48 cents	...	$8½ sales
	50,000	£1	£1					
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	$25	$25	164,124	$3,726	$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	$14
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld.	63,000	$50	50	£10,000 / Tls. 26,8[illegible] / $40,000	$3,556	Final of $1½ making $3½ for 1907	6⅓ %	$53 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ld.	60,000	$50	$50	$100,000 / $50,000	$141,442	Final of $4 making $8 for 1907	7½ %	$104
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 10,459	Interim of Tls. 2½ for six months ending 31st October, 1907	7 %	Tls. 87
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 691,257 / Tls. 75,000 / Tls. 125,000	Tls. 22,626	Final of Tls. 9 making Tls. 17 for 1907	7½ %	Tls. 224 buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 25,000	Tls. 6,531	Tls. 6 for 1907	6 %	Tls. 100
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	10,000	$25	$25	$30,000	$10,908	$2½ for year ending 30.6.07	10⅓ %	$22 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,125	$15	$15	$1,000	$9,178	$1.80 for 1906	...	$12½ sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	$50	$50	$648,975 / $43,075	$252	Final of $3½ making $7½ for 1907	7½ %	96
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.	50,000	$100	$100	$250,000	$35,915	Final of $3½ making in all $7 for year ending 31.12.07	7 %	$100 sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	$10	$10	$217,426 / $50,000	$4,621	70 cents for 1907	7 %	$10 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	$50	$30	none	$653	$2½ for 1907	6⅔ %	$26 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,523,045 / Tls. 170,000	Tls. 107,547	Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making in all Tls. 6 for 1907	7 %	Tls. 113½ sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	$50	$50	none	$1,541	Final of $2.10 making in all $4.10 for year ending 31.12.07	8⅓ %	$48 sa. and b.
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150,000	Tls. 8,807	Tls. 2½ for year ended 31.10.1907	4⅓ %	Tls. 58 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	$10	$10	Tls. 23,276 / $60,000	$14,269	50 cents for year ending 31.7.07	4⅓ %	$11½ buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 150,000	Tls. 85,519	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 %)	...	Tls. 59 buyers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	none	Tls. 8 for 1906	...	Tls. 77½
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 28,257	Tls. 50,663	Tls. 50 for 1906	...	Tls. 260 sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	£1,299	£638	1/3 per share for 1906	9 %	$7⅛
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	$12	$12	$25,000	Nil.	$1.20 for 1907	11⅓ %	$10½ buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	$10	$10	none	$25,000	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	...	$6
Do. Do. special shares	*50,000	$1	$1					
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld.	125,000	$10	$10	$120,000	$3,593	80 cents for 1907	9 %	$9 sales and b.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	$7½	$6	$60,000 / $5,000	$2,974	$1.30 for year ending 31.7.07	6½ %	$20
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	$10	$10	$12,000	$5,078	Final of 75 cents making in all $1½ for 1907	11⅓ %	$10½
Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	$20	$20	$186,000	$15,002	$2½ for year ending 28.2.07	12½ %	$20 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	$10	$10	none	$9,321	$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	7⅓ %	$15½ buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$25	$25	$120,000	$4,578	Final of $15 making in all $19 for 1907	8⅓ %	$225 sales
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld.	50,000	$10	$10	$100,000	$8,191	Final of $1.20 making in all $2 for 1907	6 %	$33
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 547,500 / Tls. 27,603	Tls. 17,127	Interim of Tls. 10 for 1st quarter	7 %	Tls. 480 buyers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	$10	$10	none	$2,655	$1 per sh. for period from 19th Oct. to 30th Apr. '07	7 %	$14 / $2
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	$10	$1					
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	$10	$10		Nil.	None	...	$8
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 6,603	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7½ for 1907	7 %	Tls. 109
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 24,820 / Tls. 75,000	Tls. 8,493	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	15⅓ %	Tls. 90 buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,350	£20	£20	Tls. 190,000	Tls. 58,331	Final of 37/6 making 52/6 for 1907	...	Tls. 360
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	$25	$25	none		None	...	$23 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$ 5	$ 5	none	Dr. $47,934 / $478	40 cents for year ending 31.5.07	6⅔ %	$6 sales
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,295	Tls. 201	Tls. 6⅔ for year ending 30.4.07	...	Tls. 97 sellers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	$10	$10	Tls. 4,000 / none	$111	50 cents for 1907	4⅓ %	$12 sales
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	$10	$4	$35,000	$1,360	80 cents on 9,900 ord. shares and $19.80 on 100 Founders shares for yr. end. 31.5.07	6⅔ %	$13
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	$10	$10	$300,000 / $25,000	$5,482	Interim of 30 cents for account 1907	6⅔ %	$10 buyers
William Powell, Limited	25,000	$10	$10	none	$42	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	$5 buyers

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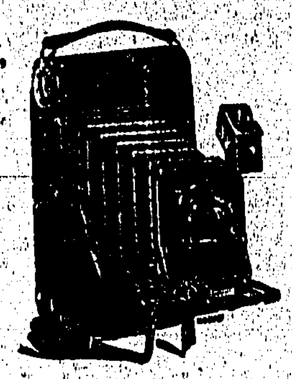

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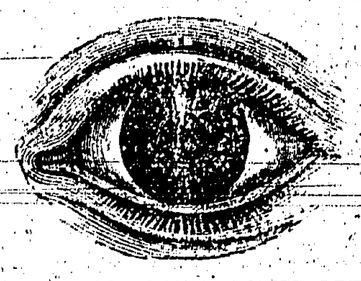

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